

LB 1006

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PRESIDENT: All right. Yes, you are recognized for that purpose. Yes, you are speaking to the Goodrich amendment?

SENATOR SAVAGE: No.

PRESIDENT: To the bill then?

SENATOR SAVAGE: To the bill.

PRESIDENT: All right. Then I will call on you at that time. Any other discussion on Senator Goodrich's amendment? All right. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment carries. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I move for the advancement of LB 1006 as amended.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I just want to point out that some of the facts that some of the people, I don't think, realize that we have 25 classes already in downtown Omaha. I don't think those points have ever been brought out and that the first downtown classes were in 1948. So it is not something just brand new and the first serious attempt to establish a downtown center occurred in 1968 and that we had previously investigated the Regency Hotel, the old Athletic Club, the Woolworth Building and the First National Bank Building, all to no avail because of lack of funds. So I move that we advance LB 1006.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I rise to support LB 1006. This is the thing that has been worked out over a period of years and it is my firm understanding that the Governor in concurring with the downtown business people and all those involved has come to an agreement to include the state building with it. This is one of the things, I believe, will not under any conditions be vetoed and it involves five million dollars of donations from business men downtown and I think this is one of the best bargains in constructive growth that we have had for years.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A question of Senator Swigart, please. Senator Swigart, there are a lot of people who work in Omaha who live in Wahoo. Is there any chance I can add \$200,000 to this and provide for some educational facilities for those fine people in Wahoo?

SENATOR SWIGART: If you could prove to me without any question of a doubt that it wouldn't trigger off a sales tax, I would take it under serious consideration.